

THE OLD ROMAN GONE

DEATH OF ALLEN G. THURMAN, OF OHIO.

He Passes Away at the Ripe Age of 83 Years—Long in Poor Health, But, Not for Some Time, Considered Seriously Sick—The Many Responsible Positions to Which He Had Been Called.

Death of Allen G. Thurman.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 15.—Ex-Senator Allen G. Thurman died very suddenly at 1:15 o'clock this afternoon. He had long been in bad health, but his illness had not been regarded as dangerous for some time.

Mr. Thurman was 83 years old November 13, but his health was such at that time that for the first time in years there was no public celebration here in honor of the "Old Roman."

Judge Thurman's death is directly traceable to an accident November 1. In walking from his room to the library he tripped in some unaccountable manner and fell heavily to the floor. He did improve to some extent, but a week after the accident he suffered a relapse and since then it had been realized among his family that his days were numbered.

Mr. Thurman's Career.

"The Old Roman," as Mr. Thurman will ever be reverently and affectionately remembered by his political admirers, came of a proud old Virginia family. He was born November 13, 1813, in Lynchburg, his father being a minister of the Methodist church. But his father became early in life impressed against slavery and he disposed of his colored help. In 1819 the father removed with his family to Chillicothe, Ohio, where he secured employment as a school teacher, and his son became one of his pupils. Later young Allen attended the Chillicothe high school, and afterward was a student in the academy of that town. He was proficient in all his studies, but especially advanced in mathematics, on which account he was known among his school fellows as "right-angle triangle Thurman."

Mr. Thurman's mother was the half sister of William Allen, who, during his life served in the House of Representatives in Congress, 1832, in the Senate in Congress 1837-1849, and as governor of Ohio, 1874-1876, and in 1848 refused the Democratic Presidential nomination for the reason that he was committed to the support of General Lewis Case, who was subsequently nominated by the convention and defeated. Mrs. Thurman was a woman of remarkable ability and learning, and did much toward the instruction of her son and the guidance of his early life.

At the age of 15 young Thurman attached himself to a land surveying corps and thoroughly mastered the mathematical side of that science during the three years he pursued it. In 1834, just when he had attained the age to qualify, Governor Lucas considered him the office of private secretary, which he accepted, entering at the same time as a student at law in the office of his uncle, William Allen, completing his studies subsequently in the office of the afterward distinguished Judge Swayne. After his admission to the bar young Thurman returned to Chillicothe and entered into partnership with his uncle, with the result that he soon acquired one of the best practices in Ohio, his uncle having practically abandoned the profession when he entered politics.

Mr. Thurman entered politics in 1844 when he was nominated for Congress by the Democratic convention of his district, and was elected, entering the House of Representatives December 1, 1845, as the youngest member. He declined a renomination and continued to practice at the bar until 1851, when he was elected to the Supreme court of the State, in which service he remained four years, during the last two years of the time being chief justice. At the end of this term he resumed practice, which he continued until 1857, when he was unanimously nominated by the Democratic convention for the office of governor. His opponent in this campaign, one of the most exciting in the history of the State, was Rutherford B. Hayes. Mr. Thurman was defeated, but he cut down the normal Republican majority in the State from 49,000 to 3,000.

The Legislature being elected at the same vote being Democratic, however, Mr. Thurman was chosen United States Senator to take the place of Benjamin F. Wade and he took his seat March 4, 1869, there being at the time only seven Democrats in the body. His ability was at once recognized, his speeches on the Geneva award bill and on the Pacific railway funding bill, especially attracting public notice and applause. He served two terms in the Senate with great distinction and honor, closing the twelve years' period on March 4, 1881, with a reputation which stood among the highest for judicial fairness, dignity and strength in debate, especially on questions of constitutional law and for patriotism and probity.

Thurman's Pacific Bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Senator Thurman of Nebraska to-day introduced a bill for the settlement of the Pacific railroad debts. It provides for the sale of the Government interest in both the Union and Central Pacific railroads July 1, 1890, to the highest bidder, and that there be no sale unless the bid be at least 60 per cent of the Government's interest. The bill is very long and devoted mainly to the details of the transfer and manner of sale.

Reports from New York say that the Heine fountain is still out of site.

SAN FRANCISCO, 12.—The attorney for Theodore Durrant moved for a writ of habeas corpus in order to prevent the prisoner's removal from the county jail to the State prison at San Quentin. The court denied the motion and subsequently signed Durrant's death warrant, fixing Friday, February 21, as the date of the execution.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Mrs. D. B. Culbertson, mother of the Governor of Texas, is dead.
Dr. and Mrs. Levy Kahn were struck by a train at Milford, Ind., and killed.

KANSAS GHOULS.

Topeka Wildly Excited Over the Grave Robberies—Militia Under Arms.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 15.—Governor Morrill last night called out Battery B of the State militia, stationed here, to protect the Kansas Medical College, which was threatened by a mob. He also wired Captain McClure of the troops at Lawrence to hold his soldiers in readiness to take the first train for Topeka. Chief of Police John Wilkerson stationed a squad of patrolmen, in charge of Sergeant Frank Ellison, about the college, and a sheriff's posse was also placed on duty. The Governor retired toward midnight, having notified Captain McClure that his services would not be required.

The trouble was caused by the discovery in the dissecting room of the college of the bodies of three women, which had been stolen from cemeteries in the vicinity of Topeka. One body was that of O. C. Van Fleet's wife, another was that of A. L. Dako's wife, and the third was that of Mrs. Patrick Lillis. The cases of the first two named have been previously reported.

The body of Mrs. Lillis was identified by her son, John Lillis, at 6 o'clock last evening. The husband of the dead woman is foreman of Santa Fe blacksmith shop at Argentine. Mrs. Lillis was buried last Friday. When her son read about stolen bodies at the college he feared for the safety of his mother. In company with Father Hayden, the well-known Catholic priest, he went to the cemetery to make arrangements to have the grave guarded. He noticed that the mound had been disturbed. The grave was opened and the coffin was found to be empty. Lillis went to the office of Justice Guy and obtained a warrant to search the college. The result was that he found a mutilated body which he identified as that of his mother.

The city was already greatly excited on account of the previous discoveries and the news of the Lillis case, which spread like wildfire, was the signal for a general outpouring of the populace. The streets were thronged by angry men, who made threats against the college and those connected with it. The authorities were alarmed by the crowd, and steps were promptly taken to prevent an outbreak. Deputy Sheriff Tom Wilkerson, in the absence of Sheriff Dave Burge, called upon the Governor for assistance, which was granted at 11 o'clock.

Dako and Lillis are members of the A. O. U. W. A mass meeting of the eight lodges of the order had been called to consider the Dako case. Nearly 2,000 members were present. C. A. Starbird was chosen chairman and J. W. Gibbons secretary. The Lillis case was announced upon the organization of the meeting. This added fuel to the flames. Men growled in their anger and became demonstrative, but cool heads were in the audience and good order was maintained. Speeches denouncing the outrages were made. A committee composed of Judge Ensinger, S. C. Miller, A. C. Siler, T. A. Beck, H. T. Davis, Charles M. Brown, R. A. Wilson and H. I. Fletcher was appointed to draft resolutions.

A MISSIONARY TOUR.

Contributors to the Work Will Visit Stations in the Orient.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—A unique and interesting pilgrimage to both home and foreign missionary workers is soon to be made by the representatives of a number of wealthy contributors to missionary work. It will be under the auspices and guidance of the Rev. Dr. Henry M. Field. It is to enable persons interested in the work to know by actual observation exactly how the missionary conducts his labors that the trip is to be made. The party will not exceed twenty, all told, and will start for Japan, via San Francisco, about April 10, and will be absent several months. The tour will be under the immediate direction of Messrs. A. D. Thompson and H. E. Elliott. The itinerary will include typical stations in the home missionary work, giving the members of the party, as they cross the continent, object lessons in the evangelization of the negro, the Spanish-American, the Mormon and the Chinese.

To Punish Train Robbery.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Representative Broderick of Kansas has introduced several bills which are of great interest to the West. One touches upon the federal punishment of a train robbery in all United States territorial reservations. The bill makes it a felony to shoot at or into any locomotive, car, coach or car of any train, or to throw any rock or other missile at a train, or to derail or forcibly obstruct a train at any place within the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States or in the Indian reservations. This does not save the criminal from more severe punishment if any person is killed or injured severely by the train robbery or wrecking.

Reformers in Convention.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The National Civil Service Reform League began its annual meeting at the Cosmos Club to-day with an unusually large attendance of delegates. The morning sessions are private, but the afternoon sessions are open to those who desire to hear the papers and addresses on civil service reform topics. President Carl Schurz of the league will deliver the annual address.

Get an Oklahoma Divorce.

PERRY, Ok., Dec. 13.—Delphin McLeod Cobb, a wealthy manufacturer of Brooklyn, N. Y., was granted a divorce here yesterday from his wife, Phoebe M. Cobb. The plaintiff is a nephew of Congressman George T. Cobb, of New Jersey.

Billy Myer Knocked Out.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Dec. 13.—Billy Myer, known as the Streaker Cyclone, and Tommy Stuart, of Henryville, fought seven rounds near here last night for a purse and gate receipts. Myer was knocked out.

FOR WOMAN AND HOME.

SOME CURRENT HINTS AND HELPS FOR THE FAIR.

The Glass of Fashion—Sleeves of Tartan Plaid—Reception Gowns of Velvet—Start Your Hyacinths Now—Fads of Women.



HE chameleon effects in taffeta are more popular than ever, and show no end of odd mixtures. One of the prettiest gowns made from this silk shows broad stripes of rosy purple, cream color and pale green, with an occasional hair line of black as a set-off. The skirt is fitted beautifully about the hips and flares out around the feet smartly. The gores are cut so as to have the stripes run crosswise, which, by the way, is the favorite mode of making up striped goods. The bodice is a softly bloused affair, caught around the waist by a tiny band of chinchilla. The sleeves are bouffant to a startling degree and are fastened across the lower arm by means of a row of small gold buttons set with topaz. The stock of rosy purple velvet has falling from it a lot of soft old Mechlin lace, draped across the breast and held by small rosettes of velvet.

A jaunty butterfly collar of chinchilla sets out smartly over the sleeves and caresses the soft cheeks. A "grandmother's muff" of the same rich fur is carried with the costume. A rolling brimmed hat of rosy purple velvet has the crown of leaf green and black chenille braid, and is massed at one side with stiff loops of leaf green satin ribbon. A smart bow of the same rests on the hair at the upturned side.

Sleeves of Tartan Plaid. Another pretty wedding reception frock is made of creamy white broad-



cloth, combined with tartan plaid velvet. The skirt is abnormally full, setting out in perky folds, and beautifully lined with tartan plaid silk, which betrays itself at every step. The back is in blouse form, smoothly fitted at the top, and finished by a high stock, with overturned pieces under the ear. It pouches gracefully over a narrow belt of cardinal velvet, just the color found in the plaid, and fastened by a jeweled buckle. The tartan sleeves add chic to the garment, and make it as Frenchy a creation as one would wish to see. They are in the favorite new mode, standing out in full, stiff puffs from the shoulder, and clinging in a mass of wrinkles to the lower arm from above the elbow.

The richness of the velvet enhances the entire gown. Odd lapels of the wool goods meet in points on the outside of the sleeve, fastened by a flat

pearl button set with a single rhinestone; deeply pointed, flaring cuffs turn back, and are ornamented by a similar jeweled button. Creamy white glove gloves, heavily stitched with black, are worn with this gown, and a huge picture hat of black velvet, coquettishly turned up at the side and trimmed with masses of glossy black plumes. A carriage wrap of white thibet, lined with tartan and plaid velvet, completes the fetching picture.

Start Your Hyacinths Now.

Now is the time to start hyacinth bulbs in glasses in order to have them flower early in the winter. The glasses must be filled with water, so as just to escape touching the base of the bulb. They must be kept in a cool, dry cupboard from which all light is excluded (till the roots have grown about half-way down the glasses, which takes from two to three weeks). The glasses are then placed for a day or two in a subdued light until the shoots the bulbs have made get accustomed to the change. They may then be placed in a window or wherever wanted. Care must be taken to replenish the glasses with water as it evaporates. Snow-drops and crocus bulbs may now be planted in small bowls and other dishes, filled with damp moss for early flowering.

Current Fads of the Fair.

Sothorn, the actor, used to say that after playing Lord Dundreary for a long time in London, he found himself stuttering in private life occasionally, the mannerism of the part having taken hold of him to an appreciable extent. Physicians in attendance on fashionable families are recalling this experience of the dead and gone comedian. They find that among the numbers of novel notions that the summer brought forth for autumn's use among ladies of high degree there is none so unique and amusing as the cultivated impediments in speech. The nut-brown maid just returning home from seashore and mountains has apparently been bewitched by the mischievous gnomes or water nymphs, for when her pretty lips are open, the words will only come by fits and starts, since nothing, believes this coquettish young lady, is as effective as a gentle stammer. So neatly has she learned her new role that it is not surprising the family physician has warned her the little trick may in time grow into a fixed habit, impossible to shake off. There are among these society girls a respectable number who would not stutter over their words if they could, but instead have caught up a most ridiculous little drawl, just because they have all read a popular English romance, written by one of the leading English beaux, in which the heroine fetched forth her wittiest speeches at immense length of breath; and the drawers are hard pressed by a circle of rosy lips that speak with a decided lisp. To lisp, drawl and stammer, however, are tricks of manner, these frivolous girls have agreed, that seem appropriate only in the mouths of rather small and dainty individuals. But their tall and statuesque sisters, though admitting this restriction, are not to be outdone in originality; and unless one addresses one of these Junoesque damsels in a tone of voice slightly elevated, one's flattering or commonplace words are only met with a little wistful, questioning stare. How sad it is to be slightly deaf; yet not in the least disfiguring to one's looks, and very touching it seems when that young lady replies in the softest voice, with that far-away, plaintive glance deaf people always show. And the admiring young man who shouts his interesting sentences into the seashell ear never dreams for the moment that the other folks are hearing.

Helps of All Kinds.

It is said that a new potato grated finely and then used instead of soap to wash with is good.

An acceptable way of quenching the baby's thirst is to tie a little well-cracked ice in a piece of soft, clean muslin.

Salad dressing does not often require the cook stove to prepare it, since oil,

vinegar, cream and eggs may be used. When a grate fire in a sickroom needs replenishing, fill a paper bag with coal and put it on the embers. This prevents all noise.

Sawdust and chamolis skin as polishers after cut glass has been thoroughly washed in hot soap suds will make it glitter and sparkle.

A common cause of failure in making fancy bread and rolls is mixing the dough too stiff. It should be soft enough to be easily worked, without being in the least sticky.

Cereals should not be boiled simply in water, but in a mixture of equal parts of milk and water. They should not be stirred, for stirring makes them starchy, but cooked in a double boiler. Washing soda, moistened to a paste, will brighten (ins quickly) and a teaspoonful added to a tablespoonful of Spanish whiting will make a paste that will clean marble if it is allowed to dry there.

A good recipe for orange water ice is: One quart water, one pound sugar, the outer rind of one and the juice of three or four oranges. Strain into a can and pack ice and salt around it, and freeze and scrape it down until it is sufficiently frozen.

Reception Gowns of Velvet.

This is the season for the blossoming out of wedding frocks; perfect marvels of elegance and samples of the dressmaker's art. The most lavish display in costume is indulged in in gowns for the receptions, many of them being beyond description. Velvet plays an important part, combined with rich lace or fur, and an endless display of costly jewels.

A fetching gown worn at a recent wedding by one of the guests, a petite, brown-eyed maiden, was made up of soft, silky crepe de chene, velvet and priceless old Venetian point lace.

The body of the gown was in princess effect, the clinging, pale green crepe held out stiffly by its skirt of heavy leaf green satin. The graceful form was beautifully outlined by an Eton coat of leaf green velvet, opening over a vest of abated lace. The cost



was cut in decollete effect, and caught across the shoulders by full bows of velvet ribbon. A neck ruche of black marabout, and a huge knot on the back of the fair head, set off the daintiness of the costume.

No Use for Him.

The dusky islanders sat in a ring, listening with eager expectation to the Lord Chancellor as he read to their monarch the latest communication from the Foreign Mission Society.

"Since the mysterious disappearance of our dear brother, Duppy," so ran the letter, "we are sending you one who will be a powerful worker in the field. In him not only is the spirit willing, but the flesh is strong."

A look of disappointment passed around the circle.

"Read that part again," said His Majesty.

The Chancellor complied. The king leaped up from the section of pork-barrel which formed the imperial throne.

"Such a letter as that," he cried, as he dashed his stove-pipe crown on the coral strand, "is an outrage; the man will be utterly distasteful to us; write at once and say we don't want him."—Truth.

Made Her So Happy.

Young Husband (who meets his wife in the street)—Jennie, my dear, I know you have been silently grieved and pained a long time on account of my absence from home at the club every evening. I am going to turn over a new leaf, and I'm going to begin to-night.

Young Wife—Oh, Edwin, you don't know how happy you've made me! Brother Jack wants me to go to the theater with him to-night, and you can take care of the baby; so good-by.—Boston Courier.

His Inference.

Mr. Hogan—Put's that sound I hear yer darter Cornelia makin' in the house beyant?

Mrs. Gilligan (proudly)—Sure it's a primy doxy she's to be, an' that's the truth she do be running for her vocal culture.

Mr. Hogan (much relieved)—Arrah, that all? Sure I t'ought she wor garglin' her t'roat!—Puck.

A Hasty Remark.

Merchant—What do you mean by using such language? Are you the boss here, or am I the boss?

Clerk—I know I'm not the boss.

Merchant—Then if you are not the boss, why do you talk like a blamed fool?—Ex.

A Touching Epitaph.
A Tephia reporter was noting around a second-hand store the other day when he came across a tombstone which had in some manner drifted into the dealer's hands, and which was for sale at less than half first cost. Upon it was engraved the following touching inscription: "Jimmy thou art gone; but 'tis sweet to know that thou wilt meet us on Jordan's banks with thy sweet hello."

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